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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 14, 2006, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 21-29, 32-34, 36-38, 58, 63-64 and 68 are now pending in this Application. Claims 58 and 68 have been indicated as being in condition for allowance. Claims 58 and 68 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, claims 1-10, 13-15, 17-19, 39-48, 51-53, 55-57, 59-61 and 65-67 have been cancelled. A version of the claims containing markings to show the changes made is included hereinabove. Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

Claims 58 and 68 were indicated as allowable. Claims 21-29 depend from claim 58 and claims 32-34, 36-38 and 63-64 depend from claim 68 and all are allowable as they depend from a base claim which is allowable.

Claims 1-10, 13-15, 17-19, 21-29, 32-34, 36-48, 51-53, 55-57, 59-61 and 63-67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,615,258 to Barry et al. (hereinafter Barry) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,691,244 to Kampe et al. (hereinafter Kampe). As recited above, claims 21-29 depend from claim 58 and claims 32-34, 36-38 and 63-64 depend from claim 68 and all are allowable as they depend from a base claim which is allowable. Claims 1-10, 13-15, 17-19, 39-48, 51-53, 55-57, 59-61, and 65-67 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve to right to file a continuation application on the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

Accordingly, in view of the above the Examiner's rejections are believed to have been overcome, placing claims 21-29, 32-34, 36-38 and 63-64 in condition for allowance with claims 58 and 68, and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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Applicants hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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